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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NAM COLOMBO MEETINGS

GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER

REF: (A) STATE 181500, (B) STATE 176439, (C) COLOMBO 2663

1. SUMMARY: AT JULY 27 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS CHARGE AND A/DCM DISCUSSED SEVERAL ASPECTS OF NONALIGNED MEETINGS AT COLOMBO (TO-GETHER WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER SUBJECTS REPORTED SEPARATELY). ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA DENNIS REITERATED GENERAL SUPPORT OF U.S. ON THESE TWO ISSUES BUT SAID AT COLOMBO RADICALS WOULD WIN THE DAY AND MODERATE OPPOSITION WOULD BE SUBMERGED IN CONSENSUS PROCEDURE. ON PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF ALGIERS MEETING'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DECLARATIONS DENNIS ADDED LITTLE TO INFO CONTAINED IN COLOMBO 2663. HE DID PROVIDE LIST OF LEADING MEMBERS OF GOL REPRESENTATION THAT WILL ATTEND COLOMBO MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JULY 27 CHARGE DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING NONALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) AND PARTICULARLY COMING COLOMBO FOREIGN MINISTER AND SUMMIT MEETINGS.  
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FOLLOWING ARE SALIENT POINTS OF CONVERSATION.

3. PUERTO RICO AND KOREA. CHARGE REFERRED TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS OF THESE MATTERS. HE POINTED OUT THAT U.S. CONSIDERS THAT PUERTO RICO AND KOREA ARE MATTERS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE AND THAT OTHER COUNTRIES MUST REALIZE THAT THEIR POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA ON THESE ISSUES MAY WELL BE REFLECTED IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE ALSO STATED THAT USG HOPES TREATMENT OF THESE MATTERS AT COLOMBO WILL NOT BE REPEAT OF TREATMENT ACCORDED THEM AT ALGIERS NACC MEETING. ALTHOUGH COPIES OF KOREA PORTION OF SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH ON ASIA HAD ALREADY BEEN PASSED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, CHARGE PROVIDED DENNIS WITH ADDITIONAL COPY AND WITH COPY OF PRESIDENT'S PUERTO RICO STATEMENT, AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE PAPERS CONTAINING FULL U.S. POSITIONS ON PUERTO RICO AND KOREA SOONEST. (HE MADE NO MENTION OF POSSIBLE LETTERS FROM SECRETARY.) DENNIS RESPONDED BY DISCUSSING NAM PROCEDURES: DECISIONS ARE TAKEN BY CONSENSUS, NO VOTE IS TAKEN, RESERVATIONS ARE NOT RECORDED. HE SAID GOL BELIEVES THAT PARTICIPANTS MAKE THEIR POSITION CLEAR BY FIGHTING FOR IT WHILE CONSENSUS IS FORMING, BUT THAT THERE IS NO POINT IN RECORDING RESERVATIONS WHICH ARE NOT REFLECTED IN FINAL CONSENSUS RESOLUTIONS.

HE THROUGHT THAT COLOMBO TREATMENT OF PUERTO RICO AND KOREA WOULD REFLECT DRAFTS SUBMITTED FROM ALGIERS MEETING. "IN THAT MILITANT SETTING LITTLE CAN BE DONE TO CHANGE" DRAFTS AND THOSE WHO TRY "WOULD BE SWEPT ASIDE." HE OBSERVED THAT GOL TAKES POSITIONS IN NAM FORA ON PRINCIPLE AND THAT MOST GOL CAN DO IS MAKE ITS VIEWS UNDERSTOOD "SO ITS FRIENDS WILL UNDERSTAND."

DENNIS OBSERVED ALSO THAT NOTHING THAT NAM DOES CAN CHANGE FACTS. SO HE HOPED THAT USG WILL NOT THINK THAT GOL DOES NOT FAVOR U.S. VIEW BECAUSE IT DOES NOT HEAR REPORTS OF GOL'S "FIGHTING YOUR BATTLE" IN NAM MEETINGS. HE SAID GOL HAS NO PROBLEM WITH KOREA; WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS WOULD MEAN FULL-SCALE WAR. SO FAR AS PUERTO RICO IS CONCERNED, GOL ALSO HAS NO PROBLEM; ANY PEOPLE HAS A RIGHT TO DETERMINE ITS OWN STATUS, AND GOL CONSIDERS PUERTO RICANS HAVE DONE SO. TROUBLE, SO FAR AS NAM FORA ARE CONCERNED, DENNIS SAID, IS THAT "ANYTHING LEFTIST IN NATURE APPEARS NONALIGNED, BUT ANYTHING THAT FAVORS WEST SEEMS VERY ALIGNED." HE THOUGHT THAT AT COLOMBO, AS ELSEWHERE, SOME WILL LINK U.S. AND WESTERN ATTITUDES TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE THERE IS OPPRESSION, WITH U.S. POSITION VIS-A-VIS PUERTO RICO, WHERE THERE IS NOT. IN SUM, DENNIS REITERATED

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GENERAL GOL SUPPORT OF USG ON THESE TWO ISSUES BUT SAID RADICALS WOULD WIN DAY AND MODERATE OPPOSITION WOULD BE SUBMERGED IN CONSENSUS PROCEDURE. CHARGE EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT USG HAS TAKEN DECISION THAT PUERTO RICO AND KOREA ARE ISSUES THAT COUNT FOR U.S. AND THAT OTHER COUNTRIES MUST REALIZE THAT THEIR POSITION ON THIS MATTER AT COLOMBO WILL BE SEEN AS RELATED TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. HE STRESSED AGAIN THAT USG IS HOPEFUL THAT THROUGH MODERATE GOVERNMENTS, LIKE THAT OF LIBERIA, TREND OF NAM

STATEMENTS CAN BE CHANGED.

4. REVISION OF NACC'S DRAFT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DECLARATIONS

(STATE 176439). DENNIS SAID ALGIERS DOCUMENTS REFLECT CONSENSUSES AT TIME OF THEIR ADOPTION. HE KNEW THAT DRAFTS ARE BEING CIRCULATED FOR REACTIONS AND PROPOSED REVISIONS AND THAT MEMBERS WERE MAKING VIEWS KNOWN. HE WAS NOT CLEAR, HOWEVER, ON EITHER DEADLINE DATE OR FORUM TO WHICH SUGGESTIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED. (WE PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AGAIN WITH ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER DUNN JULY 29.) ALTHOUGH DENNIS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT COLOMBO DECLARATIONS WILL EVOLVE OUT OF ALGIERS DRAFTS, HE DID NOT THINK LATTER WOULD BE CHANGED MUCH IN SUBSTANCE. DENNIS SEEMED UNAWARE OF FACT THAT ALGIERS MEETING HAD TASKED GENEVA NACC TO ANALYZE AND REPORT TO COLOMBO SUMMIT ON RESULTS OF UNCTAD IV SUMMIT. HE SAID HE WOULD "HAVE TO CHECK INTO THESE MATTERS."

5. LIBERIAN DELEGATION TO COLOMBO. ACCORDING TO DENNIS, DELEGATION WILL BE COMPOSED, IN ADDITION TO HIMSELF (AND PRESIDENT), OF ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO FOREIGN MINISTER D. ELWOOD DUNN; ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER FOR ASIAN AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS CHARLES ANSUMANA COOPER; FORMER AMBASSADOR AT UN DOSUMU JOHNSON; AND (PROBABLY) UN PERMREP ANGIE BROOKS-RANDOLPH. IN ANY CASE, DENNIS SAID, IT WOULD BE "WORKING DELEGATION."

6. COMMENT. ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO EMBASSY BELIEVES LETTERS FROM SECRETARY (PREFERABLY TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT) OFFER BEST OPPORTUNITY TO STIFFEN GOL BACK AT COLOMBO AND WE RECOMMEND THEY BE PROVIDED US AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT.

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